

## COMING UP...

### April

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6.30pm - You are invited to celebrate the launch of Jeannie Kendall's 4th book. 'He Refreshes My Soul' at Buckland Road Baptist Church, Buckland Road, Poole BH12 2NA.

A wonderful chance to 'refresh your soul'. With Q&A session, readings and signed copies. Light food and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to [admin@bucklandroadbaptist.church](mailto:admin@bucklandroadbaptist.church)

### May

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** St Mary's Church, Longfleet Road, Poole BH15 2JD. Join Rob Parsons of 'Care for the Family' for an evening of stories of overcoming obstacles and discovering that the past does not have to define us. Tickets £6, book at [cff.org.uk/robparsons](http://cff.org.uk/robparsons)



*Craft and Chat Day*  
*16<sup>th</sup> May 2026*  
*10am to 3pm*  
**St George's Church**  
**Darbys Lane, Oakdale,**  
**BH15 3EU**

Cakes, Bring and Buy Stall,  
Bacon Rolls, Cheese Scones.  
Raffle.

Tickets £5 from the Church Office.

All proceeds to St George's Church

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 26 April – St George's Day Festival

**8.30am Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel  
**10am Morning Worship with Zoom**  
**3pm Community Afternoon Tea** in the hall

### Monday 27 April

Please pray for our gardens and the pleasure they bring us  
Christopher Crescent and Cobbs Lane  
**7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice**

### Tuesday 28 April

Please pray for all seeking employment  
Collwood Close and Connell Road

### Wednesday 29 April

Please pray for reconciliation in broken relationships  
Curlieu Road and Daisy Close  
**10am Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel

### Thursday 30 April

Please pray for good weather conditions for our farmers  
Dale Close and Dale Valley Road

### Friday 1 May

Please pray for lifeguards and coastal rescue services  
Darbys Lane and Darbys Close

### Saturday 2 May

**9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUVlpxXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>  
Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213  
Please pray for all St George's services  
Dingley Road and Dorchester Road

### Sunday 3 May – Easter 5

**8.30am Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel  
**10am Holy Communion and Zoom**  
**JaM (Family Ministry)** in the small hall



**THIS WEEK AT**  
**OAKDALE ST GEORGE**  
**St George's Day Festival**  
**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Dear Friends,

We celebrate St. George's Day this week, which is often associated with courage, and links powerfully with Ephesians 6:10-20, and calls Christians to "put on the whole armour of God" to stand firm against spiritual evil.

Whilst John 10:1-10 focuses on Jesus as the "good shepherd" and the "door" to the sheepfold, offering protection, and abundant life. He distinguishes himself from "thieves and robbers" (false leaders) who steal and destroy, emphasizing that he provides safe access to spiritual safety which include trusting his voice, and experiencing a full life.

Therefore, to put on the armour of God seems very timely this week with all the atrocities going on around the world. But as Christians, we are called to be peacemakers, not warriors and soldiers, ready to go into battle, so we need to consider how do these passages sit with each one of us today?

Blessings **Pam**

**Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> May ~ Easter 5**  
**Readings: Acts 7. 55-end**  
**John 14.1-14**

<b>Hearing loop available</b> in church. Turn your hearing aid to the T switch
Office Tel: 01202 660612 Tuesday-Thursday 10am-12noon. Church open for private prayer during office hours
email: <a href="mailto:admin@stgeorgesoakdale.com">admin@stgeorgesoakdale.com</a>
website: <a href="http://www.stgeorgesoakdale.com">www.stgeorgesoakdale.com</a>
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## Collect

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Readings

### 2 Timothy 2.3–13

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

### John 15.18–21

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

## Post Communion

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr George: by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection, give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Please pray for

**Worldwide:** The Church of Nigeria.



**Diocese:** Castel, Guernsey Deanery

**Local:** Cherita Court and Chorley Close

**Immediate Prayer:** Jacob Mason, Alison, Frances, Judith, Nancy, Val, Willow.

**Continuous Prayer:** Carol Burridge, Tony Burse, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Jim L, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Frederick Perry, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:

**Ellen Hill, Percy Ralph, Doris Cobb, Joan Stubbington and Douglas Selby.**

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## St George's Tower Cross

The new tower cross can now be floodlit for memorable occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries or to remember a loved one.

Request cards are available in the office. The cost remains at £10.

## War in Ukraine

St George's Knit and Natter group have been knitting jumpers, blankets and other items to go to Ukraine via New Forest for Ukraine. We have also sent donations of sanitary items, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes, to date we have sent three carloads!

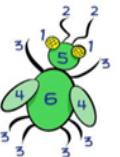
If you have any medium or small sized wheelee suitcases that you no longer use and are **in useable condition**, we would welcome them. We can fill them with goodies to send. They are then used in Ukraine by people who have been made homeless and have no means of carrying the donations you send to them.

There is a list of needs on the Knit & Natter noticeboard in the corridor please take one if you are able to help.

As with everything you do, your support and generosity is amazing and very much appreciated.

Thank you Sue Colborne

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Beetle Drive as well as having great fun we raised a fantastic total of £235 for church funds!**



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Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification.

Can you help the bees? Could you improve habitats for bees and other pollinators? Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix or make a bee hotel,, let a patch of your garden grow wild flowers. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase.